



# News Release

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## SELECT COMMITTEE OF TYNWALD ON HOUSE OF KEYS GENERAL ELECTIONS

Mr Cretney, Chairman of the House of Keys Select Committee on General Elections announced today that the Committee is to commission an Opinion Poll to investigate why people did not vote in the recent General Election. The poll will be conducted by MORI, the well known firm of UK pollsters, who are experts in undertaking opinion polls on political issues. MORI will interview about a thousand Manx voters, by telephone, during the month of April. Mr Cretney said " I am sure that the information gained by the poll will be most helpful in giving the Committee further evidence about peoples' attitude to voting and it is most important for the quality of our enquiry that it is independently conducted."

Mr Cretney also wishes to encourage any remaining members of the public to write to the Committee with their views on the 2001 General Election. He observed: "the response has been very encouraging and there is just time for anyone else to write in, the deadline being 31<sup>st</sup> March 2002."

Written evidence should be submitted to the Clerk to the Select Committee on Elections to the House of Keys, Malachy Cornwell-Kelly, at the Office of the Clerk of Tynwald, Legislative Buildings, Douglas, IM1 3PW by **31<sup>st</sup> March** at the latest.